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WARD 2

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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Want to get rid of your old medications? Check page 2 for Rx Safe, Smart & Secure
- \* TreeCycle your Christmas Tree. Check page 3 for details
- \* The next Mayor and Council meeting is Wednesday, January 8

I hope the year has started off well for everyone already. I won't go into my New Year's resolutions, but I pledge to do my part to end 2014 with this city in a better place than where we started it.

I ended the year with a meeting with a special Ward 2 resident, Vic Ferreira. Vic's business cards call him "The Legend," and this is one case where the name is appropriate. Vic is in his eighties and is still doing the work he loves, driving a cab and has developed a strong relationship with students at the U of A. As a United States Marine, he fought on Iwo Jima and was proud to have been present when his fellow marines raised the American flag on Mt. Suribachi.

He met with me to discuss an idea he has to provide transportation options to veterans, seniors, needy families and the disabled. His service hasn't ended.

This is the first chance I've had to thank all of you who showed up to the holiday party we had here at the Ward 2 office. A special "thank you" goes out to

someone who wasn't there, Richard Milkes. Milkes serves as a chaplain over at University Medical Center's trauma unit and donated food for the event. Thank you, Richard, for both the food and your important work with patients and their families.

Richard gave us enough food that we were able to share with the men and women of Tucson Fire Station 16 on the other side of our parking lot.

Talking about UMC's trauma center this time of year brings up the horrible memories of 2011. The mayor will be ringing a bell over at Fire Central on January 8 at 10:10 am to remember those that were killed and wounded that day. I'll take a minute to remember my friend Gabe Zimmerman, who died that morning doing what he loved: making sure that government served people. His life is a lesson to me in the work I do every day as your city councilmember.

Because of some technicalities, our usual Tuesday meeting next week will be on Wednesday, meaning

it's on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor and Council will be discussing a resolution to support a January 8<sup>th</sup> memorial at Presidio Park. I've met with members of the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial Foundation and I like the direction they are taking with this. Anything we do to commemorate the victims should be not only a way for us to remember, but to learn from what happened as well.

Having to go back to that awful day doesn't seem like the best way to start a new year, but it can be if we remember that folks like Gabe, Dorwan, Christina-Taylor, Dot, Phyliss and John contributed to our community in big and small ways and that we should strive to do the same.

As always, have a great weekend.

## RX SAFE, SMART AND SECURE

Amistades Inc., 4R Communities Alliance, Luz Southside Coalition and the Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County have teamed up with the Tucson Police Department to offer a safe way to dispose of your expired drugs.

A drop off service is being offered at five Tucson Police Department substations:

- Southside Santa Cruz Substation, 4410 S. Park Ave, at East Fair Street
- Westside Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile near North Flowing Wells Road
- Midtown Substation, 1100 S. Alvernon Way at East 22nd Street
- Downtown Main Station, 270 S. Stone Ave. near West Cushing Street
- Eastside Rincon Substation, 9670 E. Golf Links Road near South Harrison Road.

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## LIVING FOR 32

As part of our community's commemoration of the events of January 8, 2011, the Loft Cinema will be screening the film *Living for 32*, the story of Colin Goddard, a survivor of the tragic Virginia Tech massacre that took place on April 16th, 2007. Colin's passion, charisma and optimism have commanded the attention of the American public and media ever since that horrific day which left 32 dead and 17 injured.

The screening will take place at the Loft Cinema at 3233 E Speedway Blvd on January 7 at 6:30 pm. The film will be followed by a panel of guest speakers including Jim Nintzel, Colin Goddard, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Councilmember Steve Kozachik, Clarke Romans, Jeannette Mare, Chief Roberto Villasenor and Sheriff Clarence Dupnik.



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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw) or call 888-6947

**IMPORTANT:** Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

*1st Saturday:* Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

*2nd Saturday:* January: Thomas Price Service Center, Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave.

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## RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATES

Have you installed rainwater-harvesting systems at your home? Do you plan to? Tucson Water's rebate program can help make it affordable. The rebate will cover the full cost of a system, up to \$300, or 50% of the cost, up to \$2,000, for qualifying rainwater-harvesting projects installed after September 27, 2011. One requirement of the rebate program is to attend a three-hour educational session such as this one. Watershed Management Group offers this session, free of charge, as a service to the community. The class will be offered on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 from 2:00–5:00 pm at the Ward 3 City Council Office, 1510 E Grant Rd.

Pre-registration is required. To register, go to <http://watershedmg.org/civicism/event/register?reset=1&id=312>. For more information about the rebate classes, visit Watershed Management Group's website: <http://watershedmg.org/rebate>.

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## TREE CYCLE

The TreeCycle program runs through January 12. The program is a way for Tucson residents to recycle their Christmas trees. Remember that you can bring your own container to bring home woodchips that can be used in your garden. Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations and tree stands before dropping off at the TreeCycle sites. The city will not collect trees from alleys and sites cannot accept other green waste

Eastside TreeCycle locations are:

Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd (South of ball fields)  
Golf Links Sports Park, Golf Links and Craycroft  
Los Reales Landfill, 5300 E Los Reales Rd  
Purple Heart Park, Southeast corner of Rita Rd and Esmond Loop

For more information call 791-5000 or go to <http://www.domoreblue.com>

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## GRAFFITI

In an ongoing effort to combat the public nuisance of graffiti in our city and neighborhoods, TEP has launched a new tool to assist our customers in reporting graffiti on TEP equipment throughout our service territory. At [tep.com](http://tep.com), a link has been provided to allow customers to report graffiti in an efficient way by providing the location of the graffiti, nearest cross streets and a picture (if available) of the tagged equipment. Providing a picture greatly enhances the ability to respond quickly with the appropriate materials for safe and proper removal of the graffiti. Once a notice is received, the information goes directly to TEP staff dedicated to abating graffiti.

While TEP will continue to rely on the City for notifying TPD of the graffiti reported to us through the City Transportation Department, they are working to determine an efficient police reporting process for graffiti reports they receive directly through our website.

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## PARKS INFORMATION

**30TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPIC FESTIVAL REGISTRATION:** Registration for the 30th Annual Senior Olympic Festival is now open and through December 31, 2013. The event will take place January 14-February 2, 2014, and at various venues throughout the City. Some of the events include; volleyball, cycling, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickle ball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton and more. Registration can be done at [www.EZEEreg.com](http://www.EZEEreg.com) For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit [www.TucsonSeniorGames.org](http://www.TucsonSeniorGames.org) or contact 791-3244.

**UDALL POOL CLOSURE:** The Udall pool is closed until March 31 for the winter season. The pool will re-open April 1, 2014. For additional questions, please contact 791-4245.

**2014 PROGRAM GUIDE AND CLASS CATALOG:** The 2014 Parks and Recreation Spring Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published. The catalog can be picked up at any City recreation facility and it can also be viewed online at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) Spring classes run January 5-May 10, 2014.

**FOLLOW PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation)

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

The Desert Museum will host a presentation on Thursday, January 9, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The activity is free and space is limited. Contact the Carol West Senior Addition for more information, 791-4121.

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a luncheon and enjoy entertainment on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The event begins at noon and the cost is \$3.00 per person. The Star-Spangled Seniors will perform and lunch will be provided by Sunrise Senior Living.

The Carol West Senior Addition will host BINGO Bash on January 11, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$2.00. Atria Senior Living will provide refreshments and prizes.

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## AFTER SCHOOL MEALS

A new after-school free meal program begins at Freedom Center. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for youth ages 18 and under at the Freedom Center through May 2014. The program is sponsored by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP).

A program enrollment form is to be completed to enroll in the program, and the form can be obtained from the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. For more information about the meal program contact Anne Krepps, Child Nutrition Programs Manager at [akrepps@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:akrepps@communityfoodbank.org) or call 882-3285.



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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. Note that the meeting is scheduled for a Wednesday rather than the usual Tuesday. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

